October 2nd
THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR CYPRIAN AND JUSTINA THE VIRGIN
Stichera at "O Lord, I have cried"

Byzantine Mode 4
Special Melody: As one valiant

1) With the chris - m of priest - ly rank and the blood of thy
mar - tyr - dom, thou in all per - fec - tion hast
drawn nigh un - to God, O ev - er mem' - ra - ble

Cyp - ri - an, a - dorn - ment of el - o - quence,
maj - es - ty of all the Church, bloom of na - ture and
straight - est rule show - ing doc-trines' truth, all - har - mo - ni - ous

right - ness of the can - ons, and the cit - a - del of
wis - dom where - in up - right - ness and truth a - bide.

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2) O all-ven'ra-ble Cyp-ri-an, by de-scribing the
Mar-tyrs' crowns and the good re-port won by
all them that con-tend, thou didst per-suade those of
god-ly mind to brave with no-bil-i-ty
ev'-ry kind of pun-ishment, tor-tures, bonds, and im-
prison-ment, twist-ings on the rack, stripes and blows, bit-ter
cold, most wretch-ed suf-fer-ings in na-ked-ness of
bod-ly, and that last sen-tence of death it-self.
3) Incantations of demons' spells didst thou vanquish by chanting songs of the Holy Spirit and raising up the Cross, the sign of victory; thus, guarding thy virginity, thou wast brought as a Martyr unsubdued and a most sacred sacrifice unto Christ thy Lord, O Justina; and thou hast won the crown of victory, decked in that re-

-splendence where-with the Virgins and Martyrs shine.